

SALINGER'S ENGLISH OPEN

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

TUESDAY EVENING,
the 8th February, 1887.

MANAGER, MR. N. SALINGER.
MANAGER, MR. ARTHUR RIGBY.

TOGETHER GRAND CHANGE OF
PROGRAMME.

Persons selected for this occasion will be
GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S Ethiothic Comic
Opera, in Two Acts, ...

ENTITLED
"PAPA TIE EN CE"
OR
"BUNTHORNE'S RIDE."

CHARACTERS: Officers } MR. F. D'ESTE
CALVERLEY }
MURRAY }
THE DUKE OF } Dragon } G. WILSON
UNSTABLE } Guards } HERBERT
AND BOB } (A Bunch) } MR. ARTHUR
Post } RIGBY.
MAJOR } (Anti-Lib) } MR. ARTHUR
SQUIRE } Poet } FAWCETT.
NAME } Raptur } MR. N. SALINGER.
ANGELA } Miss L. SALINGER.
SAPHIR } Maidens } MRS. A. EMMET.
GIRL (A Dairy Maid) Miss TILLY SAUND.
GUARDS OF DRAGON GUARDS.

NEW COSTUMES AND
APPOINTMENTS.

HERBERT V. POWYS WOOD,
Musical Director.

PRICES OF Admission.—
Boxes Circle & Stalls \$2.
Back Seats \$1.
Military and Sailors in uniform Half Price to
children only.

Should disappointment score your seats early
seats may be booked at Messrs.
GILBERT & WILSON, LIMITED, where a Plan of
the Hall may be seen.

Doors open at 8.30 p.m. To commence at 9

THURSDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.
Grand Production of GILBERT and
SULLIVAN'S latest Japanese Comic Opera
THE "MIKADO."
OR
"THE TOWN OF TITIPU."
Opening 7th February, 1887. [301

THE SHANGHAI DOCK COMPANY.
NOTICES are invited for a lease of the Company's Dock in Hongkong known as the Old Dock and at present in the occupation of Messrs. S. C. FARNHAM & Co. for a term of not more than three and not exceeding ten years from the 1st of July next.
 Persons tendering should state the nature of the security they propose giving for payment of the rent and the due performance of the conditions of the lease.

not later than the 31st of March next.
Messrs. MYNBERG & DOWDALL, the Secre-
taries of the Company, No. 21, Fochow Road,
the further Particulars can be obtained.
The Company does not bind itself to accept the
best or any tender.
Shanghai, 1st February, 1887. [305

Y INCH BROTHERS.

**PUBLISHERS,
DEALERS IN WORKS OF ART AND
PRINTSELLERS,
24, OLD BOND STREET, LONDON, W.
and COLCHESTER. [302**

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

FOR AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

“FORMOSA.”
Main Harris, will be despatched for the
to Ports TO-DAY, the 7th instant, at
3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPEAUX & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1887. [207]

DO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

FOR SHANGHAI
 taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates
 for CHEFOO, HANKOW, and Ports on the
 YANGTZE.
 The Company's Steamship
 "CANTON."
 Captain Bremnor, will be despatched as above
 on FRIDAY, the 7th instant, at THREE P.M.
 for Freight or Passage, apply to

General Managers.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1887. 1298

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

THE Company's Steamship

...MORROW, the 8th inst. at Two P.M.
 G. DE HAMPEAU, Agent.
 Hongkong, 7th February, 1887. [2]
 THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAM-
 SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
 FOR AMOY.

“ESMERALDA,”
Captain Hamlin, will be despatched for the
above Port TO-MORROW, the 8th instant, at
five p.m., instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 7th February, 1887. 1300

OR BATAVIA, SAMARANG, AND
SOURABAYA, (via SAIGON AND
SINGAPORE).
THE Company's Steamship
"DEVONHURST,"
Captain Houthoff will be despatched as above
or about the 10th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

Hongkong, 5th February, 1887. Agents. [299]
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
 Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates
 NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEWCHWANG, TIENSIN.
 HANKOW, and Ports on the YANGTZE.)
 THE Company's Steamship

Captain Nish, will be despatched as above
 MONDAY, the 14th inst.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
 Hongkong, 7th February, 1867. [907

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1887.

THE GARRISON AND THE DEFENCE OF HONGKONG.

The remarks which fell from Major-General Cameron and Lieut.-Col. Anderson at the military parade on the 21st ultimo should be of considerable interest to the colony, for the efficiency of its small garrison is a matter of no small importance. From the time the Northamptonshire Regiment arrived here it has been generally known that it possessed some excellent shots, and could turn out a very strong shooting team, but before Monday there were few outside the Garrison who were aware of the great proficiency of the whole regiment in this respect. Hongkong may be proud of the fact that its Garrison includes one of the smartest regiments in the British army, a regiment probably not surpassed by any of those of the most highly trained armies of Europe. Probably the greatest danger to the colony from outside foes, apart from China, is an attack and invasion from the seaward side of the island, which would be quite unprotected, save for the Squadron under Vice-Admiral Haxton. Under such circumstances, it will be readily seen that the kind of training which General Cameron has been most carefully cultivating, and which he is so strongly advocating in his speech on Monday, is of the greatest value here. To meet such an invading force, provided that it offered a landing at Stanley, Aberdeen, Deep Water Bay, or any other convenient spot on the southern side of the island, the Garrison would have to pass over the range of hills that form, as it were, the backbone of this island, and dispute the way of the invaders through the various passes. In doing this they would be able, with proper judgment, to use the peculiarities of the ground to much advantage. This is precisely what they have been especially trained to do, and it is most especially to find that they have become expert in the work. Their skill in skirmishing and precision in the use of their weapons should render our small defensive force capable of coping successfully with very superior numbers.

In the event of what we hope is the very probable contingency of war with France, or a contest with Russia, which has once at least appeared imminent, an attack on the Southern side of the island is, in the opinion of many, more likely than an attempt to force entrance into the harbour by running the gauntlet of our forts, mine fields, and torpedo defences, as well as of the Squadron. Though the forts are not yet in the finished condition that might be desired, they are even now capable of inflicting great injury upon any attacking force, while the recent experience of the Franco-Chinese War has shown that torpedoes and mine fields are even more effective. The French fleet never dared to attempt to force any Chinese port at all well guarded by these modern defensive engines. The only places where their navy accomplished anything were Pagoda Anchorage at Poochow, Kelung, and Tamsui, and at all these places the harbour fortifications were exceedingly weak, not to be compared with those of Hongkong. Therefore, while fully recognizing the importance of securing the entrances to our harbour, and of pushing forward with all speed the fortifications which are to guard these entrances, it is difficult for the civilian resident to resist the belief that our greatest danger lies on the other and totally unprotected side of the island. We cannot expect that long irregular, and much indented coast line to be adequately fortified, at all events for years to come, as the undertaking would be one of very great magnitude; hence the defences we have mainly to depend upon are the Squadron and the Garrison. We have frequently advocated the proper augmentation of the Garrison, but though there have been, from time to time, promises that it should be raised to an effective point, there has so far been no attempt to fulfil them. All the increase we have at present over past years is comprised in an extra battery of Artillery, and a small detachment of the Royal Engineers, the latter for the purpose of carrying out the defensive works now in progress. There are now only two batteries of Artillery in the Colony, which force would not suffice to man all the harbour fortifications, and in case of an attack upon the island not a man from them or the Volunteers could be spared to assist the infantry to meet an invasion from the southern side of the island. About half the Regiment would also be required to man the redoubts covering the forts. The Police could not be counted upon to add to the defensive force, as all their strength would be required to enforce the extensive rowdy element in the Chinese population, who would only be too ready to take advantage of the drawing away of the force to meet an invading enemy to proceed to a general looting of the banks, stores, warehouses, or private dwellings. The magazines and general military and naval establishments in the Colony could not be left without some guard, so that the force which could be spared for actual defence purposes would certainly not exceed a moiety of the Garrison.

At the present time our defensive forces are at their maximum strength, the *Himalaya* having just brought out drafts, and the Regiment is over 900 strong all told, while the Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Gun Lancers, and Medical Staff together number about half that total, but this will gradually diminish until again recruited, and the next regiment will probably arrive with less than three-fourths of its proper strength. The Volunteers may add about 50 or 60 men, but the Police Force can never be reckoned as an adjunct to the Garrison, as they will always be required to pay, in case of an attack, for the purpose above referred to, unless the military authorities adopt the strong measure which we have heard hinted at, of removing the whole of the doubtful portion

of the Chinese population whenever the Colony may be seriously threatened with attack. Even then Hongkong is so close to the mainland that bands of thieves could easily make sudden descents on different parts of the city of Victoria, and it would be impossible to leave the place unguarded. Possibly some assistance could be rendered in this direction by the foreign residents forming an armed guard among themselves. In the event of a war with China the Colony would have to depend entirely upon the Fleet and Garrison to ward off an attack upon the Kowloon Peninsula. Such garrison as we now possess could not successfully protect British Kowloon against the invading force of China could dispatch over the hills. The large and increasing interests the Colony has on that side of the harbour would be at the mercy of such a foe. Hongkong's greatest weakness, therefore, lies in the numerical feebleness of her Garrison. This being the case, while recognizing the efforts being made to secure the realisation of the promises given with regard to the forts and their armament, we would urge that this question of the reinforcement of the Garrison should not be lost sight of. There is no doubt the British Army is none too large for the requirements made upon it, and it is difficult to spare English regiments for the defence of the coaling stations, but there is abundant and excellent fighting material in India which might be utilised for the protection of the colonial dependencies. There is no reason why there should not be Indian regiments in the garrisons of all our colonies, or even in Great Britain itself. Their maintenance is not costly, and the Sikhs, Punjabis, Ghoraks, Belooches and some other tribes are soldiers by instinct, and have shown on many occasions, that, fighting side by side with British troops, and led by British officers they are to be thoroughly depended upon, and are little if any inferior to European troops. In this colony the courage and fighting power of our Sikh constables are well known, and a regiment of men of that class would form a most valuable addition to our defensive force. Hongkong has reason to congratulate herself upon the possession of a military commander like General Cameron, who takes an active and enlightened interest in his work, and brings his small force to a really high standard of efficiency. It is doubtless through no default of his that the Garrison has not been reinforced, neither do we suppose that he is responsible for the delay in the arrival of the promised heavy breaching ordnance for the forts, but we hope that he will not cease to urge upon the War Office their necessity, and if possible secure both before his term of command expires.

LIGHT ON PUBLIC BUSINESS.

The Hon. A. P. MacEwen's crusade against privacy in conducting the business of the colony has already borne good fruit. Though the Finance Committee and the Sanitary Board still hold their meetings with closed doors their minutes are now published and the public are able to form a rough idea of what is going on. This cry for greater publicity is no new thing with Mr. MacEwen. It may be remembered that it used to be the practice of the Chamber of Commerce, or rather of the Committee of that body, to reserve all correspondence and important documents for publication with their annual report, and until that report appeared many even of the members of the Chamber, to say nothing of the public, were unacquainted with the nature of the business transacted by the Committee, although such business might have been of the most momentous nature. This struck Mr. MacEwen as not being altogether advisable or right, and at one of the annual meetings he suggested that all important documents should be published as soon after their date as circumstances would admit of instead of being kept back for the annual report, when the advantage of their publication had in great measure passed away and it was too late to raise to which they referred. If we remember rightly, Mr. MacEwen had to refer to this question at two successive annual meetings before his views were adopted, but adopted they were ultimately, and it has now for some time been the practice to publish all documents and correspondence of public interest while they are still fresh. An exception was made, however, in the case of a telegram received last week from Peking in reference to the new opium arrangements. Having heard that such a telegram had been received, and deeming the matter one of considerable public interest, we applied to the Chairman of the Chamber, the Hon. P. EYRE, for information as to its tenor. The reply we received was to the effect that the telegram was under consideration by the Committee. Mr. EYRE was unable to give us the information asked for. It will be readily conceded, we think, that the subject was one for reference, and why publication of the telegram should have been deferred or suppressed we are at a loss to conceive. Whatever information the Committee was possessed of on a matter so immediately affecting the daily operations of an important branch of trade ought to have been at once made public. If it was supposed the telegram was incorrect, as was stated, this could have been mentioned in a footnote, but at all events the members of the Chamber generally ought to have been placed in as good a position with regard to the information, whether exact or incorrect, as the Committee. It is as true in commerce as in other departments of life that knowledge is power, and the Committee have no equitable right to keep the knowledge to themselves in a case such as the one referred to.

The consideration of the opium telegram incident leads to the wider question as to whether the constitution of the Chamber of Commerce and its methods of doing business are the best that could be devised. Much was said at the last annual meeting of the Chamber as to the propriety of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council sitting in secret. Does the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, we may ask, lose the light of publicity for its own proceedings any more

than the Government does for those of the Finance Committee? It would seem not. For the improvement secured by Mr. MacEwen's exertions in the direction of the prompt publication of correspondence the public has cause to be grateful, but would it not have right on its side if it asked for more? Are not many matters that ought to be dealt with open doors decided by the Committee sitting in secret? It may be necessary to have a Committee—though we believe it is not usual in the home Chambers—and it might be inconvenient to have the proceedings of the Committee reported. What we would suggest is that the Chamber should hold general meetings monthly or quarterly instead of annually. The Committee would be able to deal with matters requiring immediate despatch, but other matters could be brought forward at the general meetings and so secure the healthy ventilation of discussion in the light of day. At the last meeting of the Chamber, Mr. MacEwen, referring to a certain matter directly commercial, said, "My only excuse for doing so is that this is the only opportunity a member of the public has of drawing official attention to matters which are of municipal interest in this colony." More frequent meetings of the Chamber would multiply these opportunities, and would at the same time be a check upon the business of the Chamber being conducted by the Chamber itself instead of by what has been so strongly condemned in connection with Government matters—a private committee.

THE PRACTICE OF THE WESTERN SYSTEM OF MEDICINE IN CHINA.

That the practice of the Western system of medicine will be of great growth in China must be admitted even by the most ardent enthusiast in the cause of medical education. The Chinese are conservative and prejudiced and do not readily take to any new thing. The mass of the people have considerable faith in the native system of medicine, and do not yet possess that confidence in the efficacy of the foreign doctor that would induce them to place themselves in his hands at the outset of their disease. Here and there a patient who has tried native doctors in vain will as a last resort go to the foreign doctor, and it is from this class mainly that the numbers who figure in the returns of the various missionary hospitals are drawn. Steady progress is being made, nevertheless, and will continue to be made, for every patient who is successfully treated necessarily becomes a propagandist for foreign medicine. But it would be impossible to provide foreign medical practitioners for the whole of China; the donations of the charitable would not support them, and the Government would not be able to maintain them. Therefore, it is to break the ground at the Treaty Ports and principal mission stations and leave it to native students trained in the hospitals to continue the work. Every observer hitherto visiting the vast empire of China with its teeming millions and seething mass of misery, has thought the fields of labor to be harvested, and the time is not far off when, according to the *N. C. Daily News*, however, "the time is not yet." This opinion is so unique that it is interesting if not very profitable to note the grounds on which it is held. In the first place, says our contemporary, until anatomical studies can be pursued on the dead body and not merely by means of perfect casts, and models no matter how perfect, there can be no medical or surgical training worthy of the name; and in China dead bodies are not available. Consequently we cannot have native doctors trained according to the Western system. But even if proper training were available, our pessimist writer goes on to argue, a majority of doctors could not be maintained, and would create a demand, and until there is a probability of remunerative employment at the close of a medical course, intelligent youths will not run the risk of embarking on a profligate career. The demand must come either from the people or from the Government. It will not come from the former, and is very unlikely to come from the latter. This is a rather blood-curdling way of dealing with a question that ought to touch the warmest sympathies of a man's nature. Thousands upon thousands of people suffering from curable disease and the time not ripe for trying to alleviate their distress!

As to the subjects founded on the anatomy of the human body for dissection, this is no doubt a drawback, and a very great one, but it is not a fatal objection. Much may be learnt from plates and models, and when supplemented by sound clinical instruction, the student ought to be able to render a good account of himself in actual practice. If we cannot have everything we could desire, let us at least have the best use of what is within our reach. In short, half a loaf is better than no bread. Dr. Mizen's school cannot be expected to turn out a Sir Henry Thompson in each of its graduates, but there is no reason why it should not turn out very useful general practitioners. These, in the case of a telegram received last week from Peking in reference to the new opium arrangements. Having heard that such a telegram had been received, and deeming the matter one of considerable public interest, we applied to the Chairman of the Chamber, the Hon. P. EYRE, for information as to its tenor. The reply we received was to the effect that the telegram was under consideration by the Committee. Mr. EYRE was unable to give us the information asked for. It will be readily conceded, we think, that the subject was one for reference, and why publication of the telegram should have been deferred or suppressed we are at a loss to conceive. Whatever information the Committee was possessed of on a matter so immediately affecting the daily operations of an important branch of trade ought to have been at once made public. If it was supposed the telegram was incorrect, as was stated, this could have been mentioned in a footnote, but at all events the members of the Chamber generally ought to have been placed in as good a position with regard to the information, whether exact or incorrect, as the Committee. It is as true in commerce as in other departments of life that knowledge is power, and the Committee have no equitable right to keep the knowledge to themselves in a case such as the one referred to.

THE CHINESE IN NETHERLANDS INDIA.

The visit of the Chinese Commissioners to the different provinces of the Netherlands Indies to inquire into the condition of Chinese laborers there and the state of Chinese commerce in those colonies has created some little speculation in the Batavian Press. There is a large Chinese population both in Java and Sumatra, and in the former especially. They have been settled many generations, and have been enjoying a fair share of liberty and prosperity. Some of the wealthiest traders in Batavia are Chinese, and they own a large and increasing quantity of land in the colony. Indeed, of late some feeling of dissatisfaction has been expressed by the Dutch papers at the number of Chinese who have been recently passed into Chinese hands. The Dutch are certainly not fond of the Chinese, though they have felt compelled to grant them more liberty of action than they formerly enjoyed. There were no less than 130,000 Chinese in Java in 1883, and in Sumatra there has also been a very large increase, notably in the province of Deli, where thousands of Chinese coolies, chiefly from Fokien, have shipped, *et cetera*. Many of the plantations. Many of the Chinese have been recently passed into Chinese hands, and a considerable proportion remain and start as pedlars, shopkeepers, &c. &c. Stories of the ill-treatment of Chinese coolies on some of the Deli plantations have at various times been published, many of which have no doubt been exaggerated. But as it may, however, be said that the ill-treatment of Chinese coolies which may be taken as any serious ground for complaint, is not confined to the Deli plantations, but is also to be found elsewhere, it is not surprising that the ill-treatment of Chinese coolies is a subject which has been brought forward by the Batavian Press. This is a subject which has been brought forward by the Batavian Press. This is a subject which has been brought forward by the Batavian Press.

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a year and who was ever the stoutest
when the courage of others failed. In
his graveyard had been laid the bodies

the others, the ship's company, and the voyagers.

And hand and foot in the forecabin was sent Anderson, the voyager who whose insane ideas while on the voyage were related in the Herald. He was given a little attention to his needs, but there was a deep look in his eyes which betokened his desire to make mischief if only the opportunity offered.

The crew was warped by the time the East River was reached, after the afternoon and the remnant of the day was passed. They seem glad to be discharged from a ship which had known nothing but sickness and death since they started on their Hongkong cruise. August 1st. The sick and dying sailors, Henry Donelson and at Berger—were taken to the Government Hospital, and Donelson and Berger afterwards died in Bellevue.

After the Captain Anderson was taken to the East River Police station, where he commanded the ship, he was made considerable noise. He was refused.

S. Pendleton, the late captain's wife, a pale, delicate woman, and her two daughters were on board. All through the Captain's illness she watched beside his berth for the least favorable sign. The captain was a weak, nervous man, about 104, and he that the only sympathy was a swelling of the feet. Gratified by the legs become puffed out, and although it appeared to suffer little he gradually grew weaker. These symptoms on the morning of the 10th he had at hand. But despite the utmost nursing Captain Pendleton died on November 1st, 1894, at 11 o'clock, and at his request the remains were placed on ice and brought to port Monday they will be taken to Seaport, Mr. Anderson's native place, for burial.

The dead commander was fifty-two years old and his men were long known on the seas or in the harbor.

It took him no. He had followed the sea boyhood.

The death of the captain was followed by that of his responder, Charles Brown, a week later, on November 21 by Andrew Johnson, a British sailor. All of them had the same disease as the captain. The bodies of the sailors were sewed in sacks and buried in the ocean. The mate Charles Brown had taken charge of the vessel when the captain was first taken on board.

There he last evening.

"It is time to go," he said sadly. "I have seen the end of the last trying voyage I ever experienced. Nothing would tempt me to go on another again. The ship was short-handed all the way, but fortunately the fair weather was the most of the passage. The illness of the men was due to the water we took on at Hongkong."

to get along the best we could. It is not that we drank rain water. A part of the crew, as I said, was still on board.

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ers wrapped in blankets warmly enough to
a slight perspiration. The other men were
ed in a similar manner at Bellevue Hos-

There never was an effect, without a cause," Doctor said, "and I am inclined to think that was caused by something the men ate or took. It is not contagious any way. I never saw anything like it before in all my experience with sailors."

The patients slept during the fore part of the day, but at midnight when the doctor looked at them they were visibly growing weaker. The house physician thought the chances were against recovery at ten o'clock this morning.